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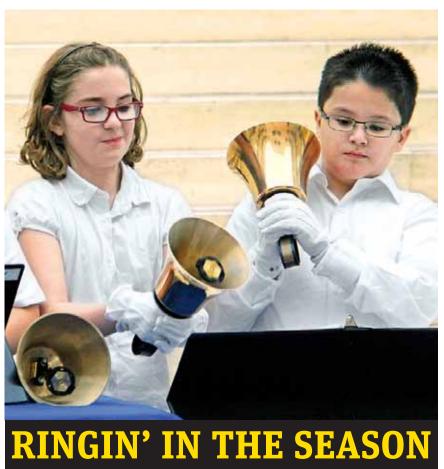
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Choir members from St. Martha Elementary offer a festive tune to people at city hall on Tuesday. School choirs will continue to play in the city room for the rest of the week. Visitors attending the concert are asked to bring a perishable food donation. RYAN TUMILITY/METRO

## Add multi-use hub to school: League

#### Heritage Valley build.

Neighbourhood group issues call for partners to join in the planning



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Members of a south Edmonton community league are brainstorming ways to solve the suburbs' lack of infrastructure, working with the public-school board to pitch a multi-use space for the area's proposed school site.

With a new school slated to open in Heritage Valley for September 2016, members of the Blackmud Creek Community League have met with city officials, EPSB planners and MLAs to lobby for a one-of-a-kind space attached to the building that could be accessed by the community.

Former Blackmud league president Gil Rueck said the idea of a multi-use space has

#### Unity

"We need to work collaboratively rather than working in silos, because at the end of the day we're all working for the community."

Edmonton Public School Board trustee Nathan Ip

been four years in the making. "The biggest advantage is it's shared space and the high-

er utilization of space, so it's not only used during school time," said Rueck.

The league is putting a call out to a number of partners to join in the planning, including the public library and city recreation centres.

"That's the important thing: to have the shared space designed in so you can lock sections of the school off to have the rest open for multi-use," he added.

By partnering in the early planning stages, Rueck said organizers could eliminate a number of potential costs in the future for retrofitting the space for certain users.

While the plan is still in its

early stages — Rueck stresses nothing is for sure — EPSB trustee Nathan Ip said the project is an innovative way to answer a common concern in the city's sprawling suburbs.

"There's a recognition that we need to work collaboratively rather than working in silos, because at the end of the day we're all working for the community," said Ip.

"We may have different responsibilities within each jurisdiction but at the end of the day we're supporting community and kids."

Ip said the group is currently faced with certain city technicalities, specifically the restrictions on municipal reserve land, which sets limitations on what can be built on green space.





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#### Transit

#### Peak-hour service given to some neighbourhoods

Residents living in certain areas of the city will finally see transit service after council approved adding 10 more peak-hour service routes.

Routes leaving areas like Millwoods, King Edward Park, Jasper Place will all get service starting in 2015. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

#### Festival

#### **Nuit Blanche** gets most of its requested funding

The city's first ever Nuit Blanche festival will go ahead as planned after city council decided to fund the event in 2015.

The organizing committee had requested \$350,000 but council opted to give them \$250,000 for a festival that will display art installations from sunrise to sunset for one night. About 50,000 to 100,000 people are expected to visit the festival. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

#### Funding

#### Triathlon gets cash

Triathletes will return to city streets next year after council voted to fund \$1.2 million in costs for the next five years.

Edmonton hosted the International Triathlon Union's Grand Final this past year, drawing thousands to the city. This new commitment will put the city on the tour, but it won't host the Grand Final.

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO



## Late-night transit given green light

On the road. Cabbies suggest they could help with new service



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Julian Piquete, assistant general manager of Julio's Barrio, says late-night transit would be something he could have

used in the past after finishing a late shift.

But the real benefit, he says, is to those looking for a way home after a night of drinking.

"I've seen people sleep on sidewalks or are just wan-

- Four routes, as well as a route replicating the northeast portion of the LRT, will run until 3 a.m. starting in Sept. 2015.
- The five routes are: Downtown-West Edmonton Mall, Lewis Farms-Capilano, Millwoods-Kingsway, Leger-Eaux Claires and

Corona-Clareview.

If this first step of latenight transit that will see late service seven nights a week proves successful with users, city officials say there is a possibility of adding more areas to service.

dering around late at night, because cabs wouldn't take them, so having a bus would help them," he said.

City council's decision to fund the \$1.6-million endeavour will also mean those

working in hospitals and the hospitality industry can get home more cheaply than if taking a cab.

Although there are definite benefits to late-night transit, including alleviating some

of the pressure from cab drivers in the city, president of the Edmonton Cab Association Balraj Mahnas still thinks there's more opportunity for the services to be complementary to one another.

"If the city allows cabs to set up at transit centres, it will be easy for the customer to get off the bus and hop into a cab to get home. That will ease some pressure off of areas like Whyte Avenue," he

Members of council say this service is long-needed.

"There is a huge need for this in parts of the city. I think we have to recognize we are a big city ... and we have to step up and provide the service, said Coun. Ben Henderson.



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## Galleria project pushes forward

U of A. Planning continues, but province yet to make a funding commitment



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Edmonton's proposed Galleria project is pushing ahead with new rendering and demolition work despite outstanding funding questions about the project.

The backers of the proposed centre, planning for theatres and space for the University of Alberta's arts faculty, released new renderings on Tuesday.

While the university is in full support of the project, it needs the provincial government's backing and so far the province has been noncommittal.

Spokesman Godfrey Huybregts said the project group is confident that money will

"We have always moved

"It isn't our call to determine when they will make a public statement about what support they're prepared to provide."

Godfrey Huybregts, spokesman for the Galleria project, on when the province will

forward on the development with the understanding that we will get the support of the government of Alberta to support the U of A's lease," he said.

Huybregts said members of the centre's foundation have talked with provincial officials and are hopeful, but understand the project is ultimately in the government's hands.

"It isn't our call to determine when they will make a public statement about what support they're prepared to provide," he said.

The group also plans to demolish the West Annex,

a building on the north side of the site near the Epcor Tower. Huybregts said the building is a leftover from when passenger trains arrived downtown, but is now simply a home for pigeons.

'It benefits us in terms of clearing the way for development in that corner, but it's also getting rid of a building that is becoming pretty decrepit," he said.

The city has also started consultations on the project with neighbourhood groups. Scott Sembaluk, the city's lead on the project, said it just wants to update people on the progress so far.

"It's just at a very, very

high level," he said.

Council will be getting more information on the project early in 2015 and Sembaluk said the the city wants to keep everyone on the same page.

"What we're trying to do is line up so that if we have something go before council then, of course, the community and the public are going to want to know



## **Enbridge finds home in Kelly Ramsey building**



The Kelly Ramsey building now has a major tenant, as Enbridge announced Tuesday it would be moving into 14 floors of the historic structure.

The building, which is already under construction, will also have a pedway linking it to Manulife Place where Enbridge will have an expanded presence.

Company CEO Leon Zupan said Enbridge has considered many options for its new

home, but ultimately wanted to be in the heart of the city.

"The area that made the most sense for us, that contributed to our business, to our employees' well-being and to our bottom line, was to stay right here in downtown Edmonton," he said.

He said in 2012 alone the company added 1,500 employees and they will need more space as they keep growing.

"We have been at home

in downtown Edmonton for over 60 years and we're going to continue to make this our home for another 60 years, he said.

Developer John Day said he's excited to have a tenant for the building, but also pleased to be able to restore the history of the Kelly Ramsey building.

"Great care and attention has been paid to make sure the facade will be put back together brick by brick," he said.

was pľeased Enbridge was going to stay in the city.

It's a great sigh of relief that you are going to be doubling down," he said.

He said the announce-

ment was another good sign for the rebirth of the city's downtown.

"Downtown is coming back alive in a way that we haven't seen since the early

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## STARS now has blood on board

**Life-saving transfusions.** Edmonton fourth city in Canada to have special cooler on board

Edmonton's STARS air ambulance will now be stocked up on a life-saving resource, opting to carry units of blood on board at all times when responding to medical missions.

Now the fourth city in Canada to keep blood on board, Edmonton's STARS base director Corinne Edwards said having blood handy for in-air transfusions will make a huge difference to patients.

In the past, STARS would typically make a pit stop at an

area hospital for blood before heading to an incident site or even sometimes make a judgment call to go without.

"It's not the most ideal situation where you know that having blood could have helped a patient and you didn't have it," said Edwards.

Now, thanks to a special cooler designed by the U.S. military, STARS crews will have two units of type O blood to administer when needed.

Alberta Health Services medical director of transfusion medicine, Susan Nahirniak, said the initiative between STARS, AHS and Canadian Blood Services took almost two years of planning before the blood could be maintained in the air ambulance

By the numbers

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Edmonton is the fourth city to carry blood in STARS helicopters, after Regina, Saskatchewan and Calgary.

"The one thing that is always a concern when you have blood readily available is, (is) it going to be used inappropriately," Nahirniak said.

Crews will now have a Credo cooler on board that they can access if necessary. If the blood stock is not used within 96 hours, the units will be transported back to a hospital and inspected to ensure quality before it's used for other patients.

LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO

## Victory isn't bittersweet for local chocolatier

Recent award wins on both the national and international level are nothing but a sweet, sweet victory for local chocolatier Rebecca Grant.

The winner of 10 medals at the Canadian Chocolate awards — more than any other chocolate maker in Canada — and the three-medal winner on the international level says the nods help expose Edmonton's emerging food scene.

"Somebody once compared these as the Golden

Globes of chocolate. This shows there is a lot of talent in the city and these wins help put Edmonton on the map," said the 27-year-old.

Her honey-rosemary, pumpkin-chai and rose-mint chocolate bars all walked away with honours both internationally and nationally.

Grant, a NAIT graduate, owns the Violet Chocolate Company, which has products for sale at the city hall farmers' market as well as



other locations in the city.

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#### Phillip Mooney

#### Edmonton police confirm city's 23rd homicide of 2014 after northside death

City police have confirmed Edmonton's 23rd homicide of 2014, following the death of Phillip Mooney on Sunday.

Police were called to

a home near 122 Avenue and 188 Street just after 11 p.m., where they discovered an unresponsive Mooney.

The cause of death has not yet been released, as police are now waiting on toxicology results.

Homicide detectives continue their investigation on the case and have not laid any charges.

This time last year, Edmonton had 24 homicides.

#### Charged with fraud

## Woman accused of collecting fake donations

Edmonton police are warning residents about a potential donation scam, after a woman was charged with multiple counts of fraud for allegedly collecting fake donations on behalf a city women's shelter.

Mia Christine Kuiken, 38, was arrested for allegedly

soliciting funds for herself while claiming they were for Edmonton's WIN Shelter.

Kuiken is charged with 14 counts of fraud, 12 counts of forgery and possession of stolen property, along with several other charges. Police believe she has been active in other neighbourhoods and are urging residents to come forward if they think they might have donated to the accused. For more information or to file a complaint, call EPS at 780-423-4567. METRO



## Alberta in for 'tough choices'

## Chamber of Commerce speech. Premier lim Prentice

Premier Jim Prentice says low oil prices punch \$6B-\$7B hole in provincial budget

Premier Jim Prentice says if oil prices continue to remain low, they will blow a \$6 billion to \$7 billion hole in the \$40-billion provincial budget and no Albertan will be spared the pain.

"A return to extremely volatile energy prices has created conditions that we cannot ignore," Prentice said Tuesday in a speech to the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce.

"Tough choices are going to have to be made and they will be made."

Prentice was reacting to the price of oil that was around the \$100 US barrel mark in the summer but has since fallen to the mid- to low-\$60 range this week due to a supply glut caused by OPEC and increased production in the United States.

The price trough forced the province last month to revise its revenue forecasts for the current fiscal year from a surplus of \$1.1-billion to \$933 million.

The province forecast oil at \$95 US a barrel in the spring

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"Albertans cannot be asked to pay more without first seeing clear evidence that we're doing more and as much as we possibly can with the dollars that we currently have." Premier Jim Prentice

budget, but last month revised that to \$75 a barrel.

Prentice has promised to keep the operating side of the budget balanced, but when asked later by reporters if that balance is in jeopardy, he said, "It remains to be seen.

"Clearly it makes it more challenging to balance the budget even in this fiscal year, let alone the fiscal year that we're facing," said Prentice. Prentice has been mak-

Prentice has been making similar speeches in recent weeks, warning of "prudence" and "consequences" with low oil prices, the key driver of Alberta's economy.

He reiterated Tuesday his plan to look for in-house savings while keeping the rate of future spending increases below the benchmark level of inflation plus population growth. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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#### Teen assault survivor speaks at AFN election

With the support of her family, Rinelle Harper, second from left, stands after speaking at the Assembly of First Nations Election in Winnipeg on Tuesday. The Manitoba teenager, who was viciously assaulted and left for dead by the side of a river, has added her voice to the call for a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women. "I am Rinelle Harper and I am from the Garden Hill First Nation," the 16-year-old said tentatively. "I am here to talk about an end to violence against young (aboriginal) women." The assembly was honouring her with a drumming ceremony at the start of a three-day meeting in Winnipeg. TREVOR HAGAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## **End sharing of info from torture: NDP**

Canadian directives criticized. A new U.S. report says that torture does not yield valuable information in fight against terrorism

The official Opposition pointed to a new U.S. report that discredits torture in renewing a call for the Conservative government to rescind its information-sharing policy.

The long-anticipated U.S. Senate intelligence committee report concludes the Central Intelligence Agency's use of simulated drowning, confinement in small spaces, sleep deprivation and threats of violence against family members did not yield valuable information in the post-9/11 fight against terrorism.

In the House of Commons, New Democrat MP Peter Julian said Tuesday the conclusion **Maher Arar** 

Maher Arar, a Syrian-born Canadian, was detained in New York in 2002 and sent overseas by U.S. authorities, ending up in a filthy Damascus prison. Under torture, he gave false confessions about involvement with al-Qaida.

to be drawn from the American report is simple: Torture doesn't work. However, Julian pointed out, the Canadian government has issued directives to several police and security agencies allowing them to use and share information derived using brutal methods.

The instructions give five federal agencies — the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the RCMP, the military, Canada Border Services and the Communications Security Establishment — the go-ahead to exchange information with a foreign partner even when

doing so may give rise to a substantial risk of torture.

The Canadian policy has drawn criticism from human rights advocates and opposition MPs who say it effectively condones torture.

The federal framework says when there is a "substantial risk" that sending information to — or soliciting information from — a foreign agency would result in torture, the responsible deputy minister or agency head should be consulted.

In deciding what to do, the agency head is supposed to consider factors such as the threat to national security and the nature and imminence of the threat; the status of Canada's relationship with — and the human rights record of — the foreign agency; and the rationale for believing that sharing the information would lead to torture. The Canadian press

For more on the report from the U.S. Senate intelligence committee, see page 12.

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## Dance teacher recalls last meeting with slain actress

The former dance teacher of a Vancouver-born actress slain in an apparent murder-suicide says the U.S. television star once reassured her that her fiancé was a nice guy.

Rachael Poirier says she asked Stephanie Moseley about her engagement ring when the actress on VH1's Hit the Floor drama series dropped by her old studio in Burnaby, B.C., three years ago. Poirier recalled the ac-

Pointer recalled the actress asking her not to judge her then-fiancé, rapper Earl Hayes, by his lyrics — which were often violent and degrading to women.

Thirty-year-old Moseley and her 34-year-old husband were both found with gunshot wounds and pronounced dead early Monday at their luxury apartment complex in Los Angeles.

A statement from the L.A. Police Department says its initial investigation concludes Hayes shot Moseley and then killed himself.

Poirier, who taught Moseley contemporary dance between ages 12 and 18, says the woman returned to the Metro Vancouver area several times each year to visit her family. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Class-action lawsuit in B.C. Veterans charter a 'Liberal policy,' Harper says

The new veterans charter, a marquee deal defended and championed by Stephen Harper's Conservatives since 2006, suddenly became a "Liberal policy" Tuesday as the government weathered more demands for Julian Fantino's resignation.

The veterans affairs minister, who was on his feet constantly during the previous day's question period, rose infrequently on Tuesday in the face of an unrelenting barrage of NDP and Liberal attacks.

Instead, he was defended



by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who tried to put some political distance between his government and a class-action lawsuit in B.C. that argues the charter is unconstitutional and discriminatory against modern veterans

"It's actually a court case against the previous Liberal policy," Harper told the House, prompting catcalls of "shame" from the opposition benches.

The charter was conceived and passed by Paul Martin's Liberals with the support of all parties. It was put into force by Harper's Conservatives as one of their first acts after forming a minority government in 2006.

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## U.S. brutalized suspects for no gain in security: Torture report

Misleading. Senate committee says CIA deceived U.S. about methods' effectiveness

The United States brutalized scores of terror suspects with interrogation tactics that turned secret Central Intelligence Agency prisons into chambers of suffering and did nothing to make America safer after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Senate investigators concluded Tuesday.

The Senate Intelligence Committee's torture report, years in the making, accused the CIA of misleading its political masters about what it was doing with its "black site" captives and deceiving the nation about the effectiveness of its techniques. The report was the first public accounting of tactics employed after the Sept.

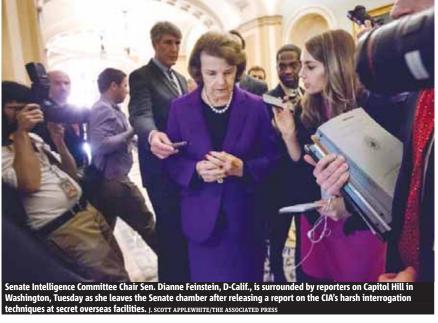
11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and it described far harsher actions than had been widely known.

Tactics included confinement to small boxes, weeks of sleep deprivation, simulated drowning, slapping and slamming, and threats to kill, harm or sexually abuse families of the captives.

But the "enhanced interrogation techniques" didn't produce the results that really mattered, the report asserts in its most controversial conclusion. It cites CIA cables, emails and interview transcripts to rebut the central justification for torture — that it thwarted terror plots and saved American lives.

In a statement, CIA Director John Brennan said the agency made mistakes and has learned from them. But he also asserted the coercive techniques "did produce intelligence that helped thwart attack plans, capture terrorists and save lives."

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"I will continue to use my author- ity as

president to make sure we never resort to those methods again."

U.S. President Barack Obama



"We gave up much in the expectation that

torture would make us safer. Too much."

**Sen. John McCain**, who, unlike most of his fellow Republicans, welcomed the report and endorsed its findings

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## CIA program exposed

Six major findings from the newly released summary of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence report on the CIA's detention and interrogation program

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### Torture did not lead to tips

Enhanced interrogation techniques used on terror detainees, including simulated drowning and sleep deprivation, were ineffective in gaining intelligence that led to important operations, including the 2011 raid on Osama bin Laden's compound.

#### Prison conditions more brutal than public knew

The prison conditions and harsh interrogations of detainees were more brutal than the CIA officials acknowledged to the American public and in contacts with Congress and the White House.

## Unreliable information shared

Much of the information that the CIA provided to the media about its interrogation and detentions program was inaccurate, preventing clear scrutiny of detainees' treatment.

### CIA avoided management

The CIA actively impeded or avoided congressional oversight. CIA senior officials repeatedly gave inaccurate information to congressional leaders and at one point under-counted the number of terror detainess.

## Program created by inexperienced psychologists

The agency's use of coercive interrogations was based on a program developed by two psychologists who had no experience in interrogations or counterterrorism.

## CIA gave false info to Bush administration

CIA officials often gave inaccurate information about its interrogation program to Bush administration White House and legal officials, preventing a proper legal analysis of the prison operations.

## Amazon. Buyers can make offers below listing price

Amazon wants you to make an offer sellers won't want to refuse.

For the first time, the largest U.S. online retailer is letting some third-party sellers offer an option where interested buyers can make an offer on an item lower than the listed price.

The seller can then accept, counter or reject the offer. The new service comes in the midst of the busy holiday shopping season, which can account for 20 per cent of annual revenues.

About 150,000 of the millions of items for sale on Amazon are eligible for the service, but that will expand to more third-party sellers in 2015. It is not available for the items that Amazon sells directly.

The eligible products are mainly collectibles, including sports and entertainment collectibles such as signed jerseys, posters and helmets, fine art paintings and historical documents.

The service lets "sellers looking to communicate and negotiate directly with customers in an online market-

#### U.S. Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously Tuesday that warehouse workers who fill orders for Amazon don't have to be paid for time spent waiting to pass through security checks at the end of their shifts.

Long wait. Some workers at Amazon contractor Integrity Staffing Solutions, Inc., claim they wait up to 25 minutes to clear security.

place environment just like they do normally in their own physical store or gallery," said Peter Faricy, vice-president for Amazon Marketplace.

Amazon's competitor eBay, which has long offered auctions for its third-party sellers, has been moving more toward fixed prices.

About 80 per cent of its sales now come from new, fixed-price merchandise, although it still offers auctions.

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## Ottawa tackles price gap for goods sold in Canada, U.S.



Price Transparency
Act. Legislation meant
to name and shame
those manufacturers
that sell goods for
more north of border

The federal government has announced new legislation that is meant to tackle the persistent price gap between goods in the U.S. and Canada.

The Price Transparency Act, tabled in Ottawa Tuesday, is designed to "name and shame" manufacturers and distributors that demand higher prices for goods in Canada, Industry Minister James Moore said.

"This legislation will not set or regulate prices in Canada," he told reporters at a news conference held at a Toys R Us store in Etobicoke.

The announcement follows through on a commitment the government made in its 2014 budget, following a Senate investigation into the reasons for the U.S.-Canada pricing gap.

The legislation would give the federal Competition Commissioner the power to collect evidence on so-called crossborder price gouging and publicly report its findings.

The commissioner would get tools to investigate cases of alleged price discrimination and the power to compel the production of evidence to expose discriminatory pricing practices.

"We think this is an effective tool" that will result in "immediate downward pressure on prices," Moore said. "We believe those who are engaging in this practice ... will abandon it."

While there are some legitimate cost differences between selling U.S. and Canadian goods a, studies have shown that Canadians routinely pay between 10 and 25 per cent more than U.S. shoppers for television sets, cars and tires.

#### Hallmark drops 'swastika' wrap

Hallmark Cards Inc. has removed a line of gift wrap from circulation after a customer complained that she saw a swastika embedded in the design.

The Kansas City, Missouri-based company alerted retailers to the problem Monday after receiving a complaint Sunday night from a Walgreen's customer in Northridge, Calif.

The disputed wrap was featured in a Hanukkah display.

Hallmark spokeswoman Julie Elliott says the gift wrap wasn't intended for the Jewish holiday. The Kansas City Star

The Kansas City Star reports the gift wrap was distributed by Walgreen's, which is no longer selling it.

Elliott said in a news release that Hallmark didn't intend to offend anyone by distributing the paper.

She said it was an oversight that no one at Hallmark noticed that intersecting lines in the paper could be seen as a swastika pattern.

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#### Tim Hortons. Burger King takeover approved

Tim Hortons Inc. is ready to pursue its global expansion, chief executive Marc Caira said Tuesday as shareholders voted to approve a takeover of the company by Burger King.

"I believe we are well positioned, following this transaction, to take Tim Hortons' brand experience around the world," Caira said at the company's shareholders meeting.

"Tim Hortons deserves to go around the world.

"We must share this Tim Hortons experience with the rest of the world."

The shareholder vote followed approval of the deal by Ottawa after a review under the Investment Canada Act last week and by the Competition Bureau in October.

Burger King said the deal, worth more than \$12 billion in stock and cash, is expected to close on Dec. 12.

The combined company will be headquartered in Oakville, Ont., and be listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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## THEY EVEN SMILE CAREFULLY

While trying to dredge any meaning or purpose of yet another British royal visit to America may seem like a tedious exercise in earnestness, as British Monarchy 2.0, Will and Kate deserve credit for saving the brand. Wait, what was the brand again?



The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, a.k.a. Will and Kate, have just finished wandering amiably, if somewhat aimlessly, around Manhattan, leading us all once again to wonder why.

I mean what was the point? To hang out with Jay-Z and Beyoncé at courtside to watch Le-Bron James? To make a speech about trafficking in endangered animal parts? To lay yet another wreath at the 9/11 memorial? To see how Kate handles being five months pregnant (with her usual poise and aplomb)?

Trying to dredge any meaning or purpose of yet an-other British royal visit to America may seem like a tedious exercise in earnestness. They're a nice enough young couple, which in itself is worth applauding when you consider other members of the family, including the Duke's own brother, Sir Harry Hijinks, or his dad, the Prince of Embarrassing Things.

So rather than leave Americans with a bad taste in their

mouths from the last royal visit —Harry's assault on Vegas which failed to stay in Vegaswhy not send that nice young couple? Everyone smiles and bows and then they go home for more of the same: Deferential adoration. As British Monarchy 2.0, Will and Kate

deserve credit for saving the brand which is great until we start asking, "So what's the brand, again?" The bad old days made sense: Back when



#### Bobbleheads of state

As Paul McCartney famously wrote: 'Her Majesty's a pretty nice girl but she doesn't have a lot to say." Which goes double for Will and Kate ...

and Diana were poisoning each other's PR and a Texas financier was sucking the Duchess of York's toes, the monarchy was collapsing like the corrupt spent force we all assumed it had become.

But now that the artlessly dignified couple has pulled its ashes out of the fire, the monarchy has become a force

again. Three-quarters of her Majesty's subjects believe that it will survive at least until little Prince George is old enough to be king. Not so long ago, when Diana was getting riding lessons from the cavalry, the House of Windsor was under self-inflicted siege.

Too bad this post-modern Restoration takes us back to the safe, stuffy and utterly pointless exercise it had become under Queen E II. As Paul McCartney famously wrote: "Her Majesty's a pretty nice girl but she doesn't have a lot to say." Which goes double for Will and Kate, who even

smile carefully. Is that what the British people want for their annual royal subsidy of 36 million pounds? Closer to home, is that what Canadians want from our bobbleheads of state?

Poor Will is reduced to sticking up for a few other endangered animals, because he's constitutionally barred from saying anything about the real issues: Home-grown terrorism, unemployment, immigration - you know, the actual news headlines arranged around the celebrity photos of Kate's latest thrilling

Ironic, isn't it?

The more civil the behaviour, the less relevant the

Maybe it's time to let Harry and Aunt Sarah out of the bag again and send them somewhere interesting, like Cannes or Rio.

It may be short, but it could

## More than just books: Why libraries empower us all



Take a look at our libraries, and you can read us like a book. Mention public services, and the mind leaps to healthcare or police, or maybe garbage collection, transit or road repairs. Mention a library, and many people will think of a dusty building filled with endless shelves of battered tomes. They'd be wrong, at least nowadays.

But library services need to be at the forefront of modern public services, sweeping away

that dusty old image, and here's why. Libraries are far more important than many people think. They unlock our potential to learn, and modern times have seen them branch out to far more than just books.

In Toronto, for example, public library staffreport that 72 per cent of citizens visited a library within the past year, with individual "uses"—and that's in every imaginable way —hitting almost 97 million in 2013. Interestingly, the city's engagement with paper books has been dropping steadily. In the decade to 2013, use of collections in-person at libraries

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dropped by 27.3 per cent. But the use of electronic collections, including e-books, doubled in 2011, then 2012 and again in 2013. They now represent 10 per cent of the circulation of books in Toronto's libraries.

The trend is not limited to big cities. In neighbourhoods across Canada, libraries are feeding the appetite for information in the information age.

A library is still a way to find information, but you can also make connections, attend events, hear music, access the Internet and more. There are educational programs, art exhibits, reading clubs, talks and social gatherings. You can find 3-D printers, toys and havens for newcomers, new mothers

and the elderly. Canada spends more than \$1 billion a year on libraries from public funds, at different levels of government, and has done so every year since 2008-09, according to Statistics Canada, and that shows the degree to which we value these institutions.

Calgary's building a beautiful new central library, at a cost of \$245 million, with a fourstorey central atrium and a huge skylight to shed light on the more than half a million books the place will hold when it's completed in 2018. Halifax's new central library, costing more than \$50 million,

opens next week, and the excitement level is high.

Investment in library services is a measure of a society, and Canada's investment is in the future. With newcomers pouring in every year—in 2013, this country welcomed more than 270,000 new permanent residents alone the need to learn is greater than ever before.

When the people of Canada improve themselves, Canada improves. So, as municipalities get ready to set their budgets for the coming year, they need to be kind to their libraries.

It's an investment in us all.



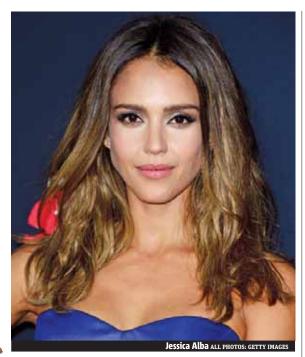
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METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF





## Sony hack reveals how celebs give aliases a bad name

The Sony hack is the gift that keeps on giving for fans of entertainment industry schadenfreude. While we certainly don't condone employees having their Social Security Numbers released or families threatened via email, there has been a certain degree of pleasure in seeing how they really feel about Adam Sandler movies. And the latest bit of info may be the best.

A document has surfaced featuring contact information used during filming, including the fake names

celebrities go by to remain undetected. And oh my, these are fantastic.

Some sound like dimestore detectives — ahem, Tom Hanks — while some like porn stars — looking at you, Tobey Maguire.

Some, like Ice Cube, just use their real-life names, which is boring. And Taye Diggs apparently just wants people to think he's someone related to Taye Diggs.

But the absolute best? Jessica Alba, who apparently goes by the code name

#### Here's the list:

- Tom Hanks: Harry Lauder and Johnny Madrid
- Sarah Michelle Gellar: Neely O'Hara
- Tobey Maguire: Neil Deep
- Natalie Portman: Lauren Brown
- Clive Owen: Robert Fenton • Rob Schneider: Nazzo Good
- Taye Diggs: Scott Diggs
- Jude Law: Mr. Perry
- Daniel Craig: Olwen Wil-
- Ice Cube: Darius Stone and O'Shea Jackson
- Debra Messing: Ava Harper
- Jessica Alba: Cash Money

#### Ariana's naughty aside a nice surprise for Sheeran

Apparently while everyone else was watching models strut the runway during the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, Ariana Grande was making Ed Sheeran crack up with some risqué humour. "Can I tell you why I was laughing?" Sheeran explains in an interview with Elvis Duran. "Basically, there were all these big inflatable bouncy black balls that are bouncing around in the crowd on the finale bit. Ariana Grande comes and stands up next to me and just looks at me and goes, 'I love big black balls.' In my head I was like, 'If she knows what that means, then I love her, and if she doesn't know what that means, it's even better.'

I'm going to go out on a limb here and guess that she does in fact know what that means.

## Grumpy Cat purrs down a cool \$100M? Surly not!

Tell the Internet it can calm down, because that report in the Express about online sensation Grumpy Cat pulling in \$100 million? Let's just file that under "wildly inaccurate.'

Proud owner of Grumpy Cat, Tabatha Bundesen, tells the paper, "I was able to quit my job as a waitress within days of her first appearance on social media, and the

phone simply hasn't stopped ringing since," which is either hyperbole or a terrifying way to live. But Bundesen tells the Huffington Post that while Grumpy Cat has pulled in plenty of cash thanks to appearances, endorsements and a new Lifetime Christmas movie, the Express is way off with its \$100 million claim.

But Lil Bub? That guy's totally a billionaire.



#### YouTube star Connor Franta comes out

Super-popular You-Tube star Connor Franta recently announced to his 3.6 million YouTube subscribers and 2.37 million Twitter followers that Connor Franta

he is gay in a heartfelt video.

If you're not sure what a Connor Franta is, go ask a teenager. Anyway: "2014 is truly the year that I have accepted who I am and become happy with that person. So today I want to talk to you guys about that and be open and honest, and tell you that I'm gay,"

Franta says in the video Franta joined YouTube in 2010 and until earlier this year was a part of the successful vlog channel Our2ndLife.

He explains that it had taken him a long time to accept himself. "I was tired of running. I was tired of hiding," he says. "I just want to be me and not be afraid."

His fans have been very, very supportive - well, most of them, at least.

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#### TV. Leoni head over heels for Madam Secretary role



It took surprisingly little for Tea Leoni to take on a lead role in a network television show - which she did for the freshman political drama Madam Secretary — just word from her kids that they'd rather not have her around the house that much.

"I'd been struggling for a while with this idea of committing to something that could be — potentially, we hope — a long endeavour," she remembers. "I was walking across the street with my son, who's 12, and I said, 'I'm thinking about doing this thing. If I do this, I could be very busy for a while.' He looks up at me and is like, 'Mom, it's totally fine.' I was like, 'Really?' And he says, 'Yeah. We were really getting sick of you anyway.' So it was great to have that blessing, honestly."

On the series, Leoni plays U.S. Secretary of State Elizabeth McCord, and she admits that a lot of people have jumped to a pretty obvious conclusion when it comes to her model for the character - former Secretary of State and presumptive presidential nominee Hillary Clinton. But she insists they're completely

"I've certainly been asked if I met with Hillary. And ob-

"I've certainly been asked if I met with Hillary. And obviously it's the blonde hair, right off the bat. I swore, I said, 'No, it's Kissinger,' but whatever."

**Tea Leoni,** jokes about assumptions her Madam Secretary is based on Hillary Clinton

particular a female Secretary of State, since we've had three. I thought more about my grandmother — who founded the U.S. fund for UNICEF, who was the volunteer president for almost 30 years and raised five kids and 27 grandchildren - and what it was for her to be travelling around the world and coming home and being a mother. I think about my friends who are up to it, who are working mothers and what that's about."

Leoni, for her part, finds Secretary McCord incredibly easy to relate to. "I certainly do when I think about the heels that I'm wearing and the hours that I keep and my children at home. Those three things are very much the same," she says.

"The shoes, God damn it, can we just talk about the shoes? I tell you, that's the hardest part of my job. I am in high heels for sometimes 17 hours in a day. My feet are killing me. I don't know how we do it. I can't even imagine how

#### viously it's the blonde hair, right off the bat. I swore, I said, 'No, it's Kissinger,' but what-ever," Leoni jokes. "The truth is the first place in my mind that I went was not toward a John Kerry's handling it." particular political figure or in NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD Adventure! **Teach English Overseas** TESOL Certified in 5 Days In-Class or Online No Degree Required! .888.270.2941

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## Skulduggery, greed and sex: This Marco Polo is no game

Streaming. Think GOT with martial arts as Netflix series follows 13th-century explorer on the Silk Road to the court of Kublai Kahn

#### RICHARD **CROUSE**

A year ago, Edmonton-born actress Olivia Cheng says she was familiar with Marco Polo as an Italian traveller 'and I obviously knew about the swimming pool game, but that is about it."

Now, as the star of the new Netflix adventure series about Polo's early years, she's captivated by the story.

"When I saw the first script I said, 'Where's the second script? Then the third, fourth, fifth...'"

The handsome 10-episode season follows Polo's travels on the Silk Road to the court of Mongolian emperor Kublai Kahn.

It's a study of political skulduggery, greed and sex-ual politics, 13th-century

**Imagine Game of Thrones** with martial arts and an international cast headed by Rick The Fast and the Furious Yune and Joan Chen and you get the idea.

"All of my stuff was shot in studio in Malaysia," says Cheng, who spent five months on location.

"I've never had an opportunity to immerse myself so fully in a role and be able to focus like that.



You're almost in a cocoon or a bubble, where you are constantly thinking about the story, constantly thinking about the nuances. I would often walk from set to set watching different scenes. I just got to immerse myself in the world of Marco Polo and experience a cultural adventure that I'm really grateful for."

The actress, who also plays Linda Park on Arrow and The Flash, says the show's elaborately tailored wardrobe helped her find

the character of Mei Lin, a royal concubine and martial arts expert.

"When you have the beautiful costumes, you are able to step into a world and suddenly it informs you," she says.

"That is a huge gift as an actor because a costume can make you move a certain way; you are in your body in a certain way because of the weight of the material. For me, I felt like it made me so much more graceful. You have to be, in order not to trip in those costumes."

But just as interesting as watching the world of Marco Polo being built was a scene where she tries to pull it all

"I can't tell you how amazing it was to get to film White Moon — this epic fight scene with 200 extras all dressed in white," she

"I felt so grateful because I saw all the effort it took to create this world for me to run in and try and destroy

#### Obama sends himself up on The Colbert Report

His daughters mock his big ears, he leaves his socks on the floor and sitting behind Stephen Colbert's desk, he said, gives him a greater sense of

When President Barack Obama was not seriously defending his economic record, his executive actions on immigration and his delayed decision on the Keystone XL oil pipeline Monday on The Colbert Report, he was playfully confiding that the trappings of the presidency really don't go to his head.

"When I go home, Michelle,



Malia and Sasha give me a hard time," he told host Stephen Colbert. "There are no trumpets, and they tease me mercilessly."

It was Obama's third appearance on the show, his

second as president, and marked the beginning of the final two weeks for the Comedy Central program. Colbert will take over for David Letterman on CBS' Late Show next

Obama kicked off the show sitting in for Colbert to perform a regular feature of the program called The Word wherein Colbert's rants are accompanied by snarky messages to the audience.

So when Obama, as Colbert, declared that there are aspects of Obamacare that people from both parties ac-

tually like, the text aside to the audience read: "Everything but the Obama."

As he wrapped up, Colbert had one last question: "Barack Obama — great president or the greatest president?"

"I'm going to let someone else decide — not you, but someone who knows what they're talking about," the president replied.

Colbert countered: "Stephen Colbert — great pundit or the greatest pundit?'

Obama didn't miss a beat: "The greatest pundit."

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#### Stay sane during the holiday travel season

1. Early morning and late evening flights are the least busy.

2. Pay the extra money to fly non-stop. Connection delays are not worth the hassle.

3. Travelling with gifts? Shop small, so everything fits nicely in your suitcase — unwrapped, of course, for security reasons.

4. Check in as early as you can online (usually 24 hours) and get your seat assignments then.

5. Make sure there's an actual paperback book in your carry-on, in case delays last longer than your tablet charge.

6. Problems? Calling the airline from the gate lounge can net you faster service than standing in line at the counter. DOUG WALLACE

New

### Hong Kong insider guide

Hong Kong joins the growing list of cities scoped out for the trendy Hunt series of pocket-sized guide books (Gatehouse Publishing). The focus is mostly on eating, shopping and insider info on cool places to hang out



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## **Around the world in eight Christmas trees**

'Tis the season to pull out the Christmas lights, but if you're in need of inspiration as to how to decorate your tree look no further than the world's major cities, which have been busy trying to outdo one another with their festive displays for 2014. Brazil is a nation that knows how to put on a show and Christmas is the perfect excuse. Billed as the "largest floating Christmas tree in the world," its stunning festive creation (pictured here) on the Rodrigo de Freitas lake in Rio de Janeiro ogzes holiday spirit.

Meanwhile, the Shiodome shopping centre in Tokyo has outdone itself this year with the Canyon d'Azur, a stunning blue multi-tree creation fabricated from thousands of LED

Luxury department store Galeries Lafayette in Paris has taken a unique approach and turned the festive season on its head with its gorgeous upside-down tree, while things are more traditional in Washington DC, where Capitol Hill was lit up this week with the unveiling of a 27-metre-high glittering fir.

The relatively mild Spanish weather hasn't stopped Madrid from getting into the Christmas spirit with a lovely light show on the city's Gran Via, while Berlin sets its annual towering Christmas tree at the famous Brandenburg Gate.

London has gotten all nostalgic for childhood, with the city's Legoland theme park unveiling an eight-metre-high Lego tree made from 300,000 toy bricks.

And in Honduras, the biggest human Christmas tree in the world was created on Dec. 1 by a total of 2,945 people, setting a new Guinness World Record and beating former reigning champion, Thailand.

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## More to Miami than South Beach

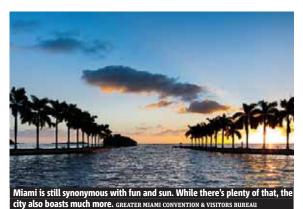
**Travel time.** Known as a seaside playground, with ultra-chic hot-spots and sizzling beaches

#### VAWN HIMMELSBACH

While Miami is still synonymous with "fun and sun," it's also evolved into a more cosmopolitan destination over the past five years, with an emphasis on art and culture.

"We've always had the excitement of South Beach and the waterfront cafés, but downtown Miami has become another great destination," said Rolando Aedo, CMO and EVP with the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau.

A few years ago, that was unheard of; the downtown core would empty out after the workday. Now it's enjoying a renaissance, where you'll see residents with baby strollers walking their dogs alongside some of the city's best new restaurants, shops



museums. Downtown Arts District, the epicentre of Miami's Museum Park, for ex-Miami's creative community. Neglected warehouses and ample, houses the new Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), deshuttered factories have been signed by Herzog & de Meuron transformed into art galleries, (the same architects that deperforming arts spaces, antique signed Beijing's Bird's Nest Stashops and eclectic bars, and the area features one of the largest Just north of the downopen-air street art installations

in the world.

"Practically every building has a mural by a street artist," said Aedo. "They're being commissioned by (building owners) to wrap



buildings in amazing street art."

These neighbourhoods — as well as Miami's heritage neighbourhoods, such as Little Havana and Little Haiti — have become destinations unto themselves, he said.

In Little Havana, visitors can stroll the sidewalks, have a shot of high-octane Cuban coffee and watch grumpy old men playing dominos. "It's a truly authentic, organic experience," said Aedo. And Little Haiti — which offers art galleries, eth-

nic food and indie music — is a burgeoning centre for small independent businesses.

The city has also been investing in infrastructure that makes it easier for visitors to get around. It spent \$8 billion to modernize its airport, which offers direct rail access to downtown Miami in 15 minutes, with free trolley and metro transit around the city.

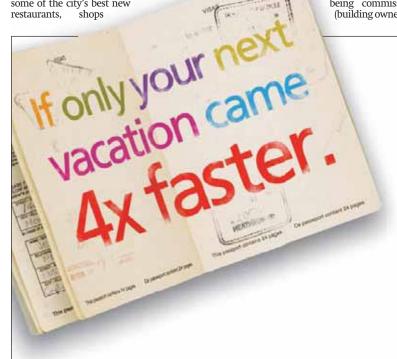
Miami curreantly has about 45,000 hotel rooms and is adding an additional 8,000 rooms

#### Miami Temptations

The Miami Temptations program showcases a unique Miami experience each month, offering discounts and deals for visitors. In August, for example, Miami Spice offers deals on three-course meals by world-renowned chefs, showcasing the best of Miami cuisine.

over the next five years. The Thompson Miami Beach — where art deco meets modern Miami — recently opened its doors, and Hong Kong's EAST brand is set to open its first U.S. property in Miami's downtown financial district in 2015.

But a visit to Miami would be remiss without taking in its iconic, art-deco hotels along South Beach. Back in the '80s, these buildings sat empty and dilapidated. "We can trace our success (in the tourism industry) to the saving and restoration of those art-deco hotels," said Aedo



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## Beaujolais is France's best kept wine secret

#### Foodie furlough.

Little known to tourists, this spot near Burgundy boasts affordable bottles and delicious dishes

#### **PROULX**

It's hard to imagine in a country known for wine that there are still areas that have not been invaded by the wine-loving tourist. Nestled between Burgundy and Côtes du Rhône, you find Beaujolais. Beaujolais is a wine region recovering from a bad reputation due to bad Beaujolais Nouveau flooding the market in the late '80s and early '90s. I can assure you that there is much more to Beaujolais than the release of the Nou-

The celebration that takes place on the third Thursday in November to celebrate the release of Beaujolais Nouveau is one reason to plan a visit to the group of villages that make up the Beaujolais region. Going in the fall just after harvest means you will have far fewer tourists in the area and booking appointments at wineries will be easier. Going toward the end of November means that most of the hard work from harvest is finished and winemakers will have some more



time to sit down with you and share their wines.

There are two types of wine you will find in Beaujolais: the traditional familiar red Beaujolais and Beaujolais Blanc. The red is made with the Gamay Noir grape. Gamay is fantastic because it is versatile with all kinds of

Beaujolais Blanc is made

from Chardonnay. It makes up a very small part of the total production of wines in the region but it seems that every winery has one section of the vineyard reserved for their Chardonnay. Tasting Beaujolais Blanc will make you feel like you are part of a secret club because it isn't well known outside of Beaujolais - even to other people

Only 54 kilometres away, Lyon is the gastronomy capital of France.

Home to several Michelinstar restaurants and a perfect marriage of old and modern architecture, you may want to consider staying in the city for a day or two. While you are in the city, make sure you check out a Bouchon Lyon-

nais where you can expect to find traditional dishes such as Quenelle (fish dumpling) and sausages served with a French flair. The Michelin stars don't stop at the city limits with Beaujolais being home to several Michelin star restaurants of their own. Expect to enjoy long lunches and suppers on your visit to the area.

There are lots of options

- You are entitled to 1.5L of wine duty-free. Anything over that, expect to pay duty depending on which Canadian province you are entering from France.
- When visiting wineries make sure you call in advance, most wineries work on an appointment basis only.
- When renting a car expect to get a larger class than you would be used to in Canada. When they say compact, they really mean subcompact.

for where to stay while you are visiting wine country. For a very authentic experience look to stay in one of the Chambres D'Hotes (bed and breakfast) that are attached to many of the wineries in the area. There is something to be said about waking up surrounded by vines. Beaujolais is accessible by Train, Plane and Car via Lyon, but you will need a car to get around the win-

While the region is currently overlooked by tourists it's only a matter of time before wine lovers catch on to the great wines being produced in the region, especially at the bargain prices they are currently being offered.

#### **Behind** Canada's best inn



oren Christie

Readers of the world's best-known travel publications, Condé Nast Traveler, Condé Nast Traveller international edition and Travel + Leisure Magazine gave top honours in 2014 to the Wickaninnish Inn in Tofino, B.C. as the Top Resort in Canada. I spoke with the Inn's managing director Charles McDiarmid about

The Wickaninnish has been in Tofino a long

We opened in August 1996. The original Wickaninnish Inn was actually built in 1964, but the only connection to the current inn is the name. My father was inspired by how the inn was synonymous with the area, so when its doors closed in 1979 he bought the registration for the corporate name. Years later after going to Cornell hotel school and working with Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts, I wrote the business plan for the new inn.

#### What sets you apart?

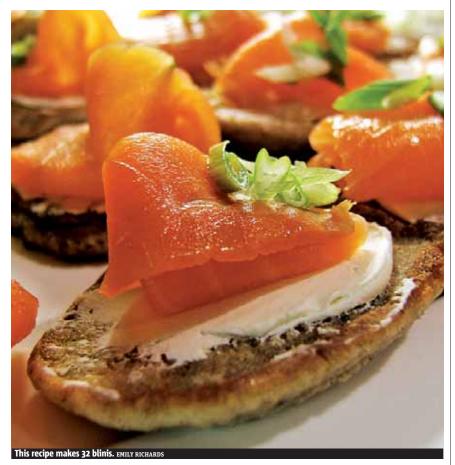
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The sense of arrival. All you see as you drive down the road are the tall trees

and a sign for the inn. You don't see ocean - just trees. Then you open the front doors of the inn and from the At the Pointe building, you are looking out on the Pacific Ocean or from the On the Beach building, you are looking down the full length of Čhesterman Beach. We are right on the west coast of Canada; on the edge of the largest ocean on the planet.

And of course the destination itself is amazing. Giant spruce trees, crashing ocean, fresh air, seagulls crying overhead and two kilometres of hard-packed sand to walk on. For a true Tofino experience you need to get out on the water; surf, go whale watching, take a trip to Hot Springs Cove, go salmon fishing, paddle boarding, kayaking or scuba diving.





## These aren't mom's breakfast pancakes

Smoked Salmon Served on Buckwheat Blinis. Impress guests with an appetizer that offers various textures



DINNER EXPRESS Emily Richards food@metronews.o

Entertaining this holiday season will be super easy if you have a few great recipes to keep on hand — like these Blinis.

When planning a gettogether make sure that you are not alone in preparing some fun food. Switch things up by making the dishes with your friends and enjoying the company.

Digging into tasty morsels with a great glass of wine, cocktail or bubbly will be even more enjoyable if you've bonded over making them.

These tender little pancakes are topped with lemon cream cheese and smoked salmon. They are a perfect nibble for a night in with friends.

- **1.** In a bowl, dissolve yeast in water and stir in 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) of the buttermilk; let stand for 10 minutes or until frothy.
- **2.** In another bowl, combine both flours and salt. Sift flour mixture into the buttermilk mixture and stir until well combined. Stir in remaining buttermilk.
- **3.** Whisk egg yolks into the batter. Cover and set aside in a warm place to rise for about 1 hour or until batter is bubbly.
- **4.** Beat egg whites until stiff peaks and fold into the batter. Cover and let rise for 1 hour.
- 5. Lightly brush nonstick skillet with some melted butter and heat over medium high. Spoon 1 tbsp (15 ml) of the batter for each blini and cook for about 1 minute, until bubbles break through. Turn blini over and brown for another 30 seconds. Remove from pan, and place on a plate so they do not get soggy; repeat with

#### Ingredients

- 2 tsp (10 ml) traditional active dry yeast
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) lukewarm water • 1 3/4 cup (425 mL) lukewarm
- buttermilk
   1 cup (250 ml) all purpose flour
- 1 cup (250 ml) all purpose flour
   1 cup (250 ml) buckwheat flour
- 1 tsp (5 ml) salt
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter, melted
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) cream cheese, softened
- $\bullet$  1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) grated lemon rind
- 1 tsp (5 ml) lemon juice
- 1 lb (500 g) thinly sliced smoked salmon
- Chopped green onions (optional)

remaining batter.

**6.** In a small bowl, combine cream cheese, lemon rind and juice. Spread some of the cream cheese mixture onto the blinis. Roll sliced salmon around your finger to create a rosette and place on blini. Sprinkle with green onions to serve if desired.



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## HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS

## 10 reasons to give

With just a few weeks left before Christmas, it's time to get serious about finishing your gift shopping. Have you considered getting friends or family members a gift card? While some people think they're a bit of a cop out, here are 10 reasons why Santa probably wraps up gift cards, too.

- 1. EASY TO BUY. If you don't enjoy shopping, buying a gift card online or from a store is simple and straightforward.
- 2. TIME IS RUNNING OUT. Gift cards are faster to buy than traditional gifts, according to a recent National Retail Council survey. According to Ottawa University student Kieran McKinnon: "In the superstressful holiday season sometimes it becomes necessary to go for an approximation of what someone might like, rather than the actual thing."
- 3. ALL ABOUT THE RECIPIENT. Gift cards put the selection of gifts completely into the hands of the recipient. Says Mc-Kinnon: "Receiving a gift card gives someone the chance to choose exactly what they would like for Christmas." According to the NRC survey, more than half of us buy gift cards for this reason.
- **4.** A PERFECT SOLUTION. If you know someone who has everything, a gift card is perfect.
- 5. IT WON'T GO TO WASTE. Let's say the recipient hasn't finished their shopping ... a gift card is one of the easiest gifts to re-gift.
- 6. NO RESEARCH REQUIRED. Giving a gift card is a thoughtful gesture even when you don't know the recipient that well.



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- 7. A SPECIAL GIFT. The person who receives a gift card has to buy something and maybe something really special. Says Centennial College student Kelly-Celina Batris: "I like getting a gift card because it lets me buy things for myself that I might not have otherwise."
- **8. MAKE NO MISTAKE.** There's no risk of disappointment with a 'wrong' gift or

anyone having to return anything.

- 9. GOOD ON YOU. Provided you think about which card to give and it's appropriate, giving a gift card shows you put in effort
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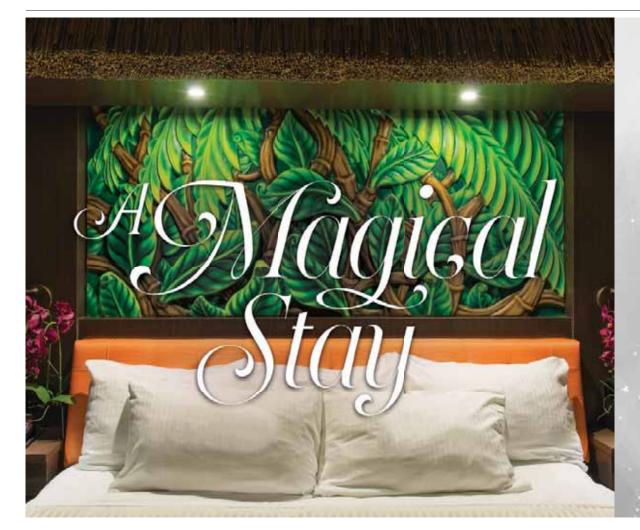
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## Manage your goals during the holidays

Career. 'Tis the season for stressful, stacked-up schedules. Here's how to figure it all out while still feeling festive

#### CELINE TARRANT

On the heels of Halloween and Thanksgiving, December brings with it the busiest time of year for most people.

Along with an already hectic work schedule, you now have holiday parties, a never-ending list of gifts to buy, holiday traffic to beat and travel plans — and you still have to deliver on every deadline.

It's easy to let work get sidelined and pushed off until things calm down. Good time management is critical to make sure you can follow through on all your commitments, while still enjoying the holidays.

Here's how you can effectively manage your profession-



al goals during the busy holi-

day season, and set yourself

## up for success in the New Year. Make a list, and check it twice

If there was ever a time to truly embrace the to-do list, this is definitely it. Whether you use your Outlook calendar, an app, or pen and paper, commit to writing down every single obligation.

In addition to meetings and project deadlines, block out short chunks of uninterrupted work time where you don't check email or answer calls (when possible). Distraction-free work time does not exist during this busy time of year — unless you make it for

yourself.

Include things that you might not usually put on your to-do list like shopping, parties, gym time, holiday baking, meal-prep, travel plans, and even when you plan to wake up and go to bed.

Scheduling every detail of your life may seem cumbersome, but seeing how you plan to spend all your time is an extremely powerful tool, and will help you figure out how you can fit everything in. Or maybe it will reveal where you are needlessly wasting precious time each day.

As you complete each task, indulge in the satisfaction of crossing it off your list. These are small wins to be savoured every day.

#### Prioritize, prioritize,

After making such a detailed to-do list, it's tempting to try to power through it as fast as possible and get everything done, but this often results in burnout or a series of half-done jobs that need to be reworked in the New Year.

#### be readistic — know when to say no

It's important to be realistic with yourself about how much you can get done.

- Despite your best intentions to be a productivity master during this busy season, everyone has limits.
- Take the time to really prioritize rather than just try to get as much done as possible.
- Pick your professional and social obligations carefully, and don't overcommit yourself. If you set the right priorities for yourself and stick to your to-do list, you can manage your professional goals during the holidays, and have a little fun, too.

#### For the love of lists

Scheduling every detail of your life may seem cumbersome, but seeing how you plan to spend all your time is an extremely powerful tool, and will help you figure out how you can fit everything in.

Be honest with yourself about what items are critical and which are not.

#### Get what you need from others

Business continuity is often a challenge during the holidays, with people on vacation or out sick.

You're more likely to get an out-of-office email than an actual response, so it can seem impossible to move projects forward or get any real work done. The last thing you want is to miss an important deadline because you forgot to collect a key piece of work from someone who just went

Make sure you know what deliverables you need

to progress your work, and follow up with people. Keep track of your team's and boss' vacation time so you schedule important meetings before they leave, and establish a contingency plan if something goes wrong.

Extend the same courtesy to others. Your boss may have approved your vacation, but gently reminding them is always a good idea so they aren't blindsided when you don't show up for two weeks.

### Don't put professional development on the back burner

Remember that stack of whitepapers you've been meaning to read? Or that industry holiday party that you still haven't RSVP'd to attend?

Despite competing demands for your time during the holidays, professional development should always be a priority for those who want to stay at the top of their game in today's job market.

Take advantage of your morning commute, long drives to visit out-of-town family, and vacation-bound flights to catch up on your industry reading, webinars, and to wish the people in your network happy holidays.



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## Béliveau's widow moved to tears

**Tribute to No. 4.** Habs legend honoured with 15-minute ceremony before game vs. Canucks

The Bell Centre crowd stood and cheered for several minutes Tuesday night after a moving tribute to legendary captain Jean Béliveau ahead of the Montreal Canadiens game against the Vancouver Canucks.

A 15-minute pre-game ceremony in honour of Béliveau, one of the team's iconic

players and personalities who died last week at 83, caused his widow Elise Couture Béliveau to alternately weep, pray and thrust out her arms in thanks to the crowd.

The scoreboard screen was focused through the ovation on her, standing at her seat beside her daughter Helene and granddaughters Magalie and Mylene.

A chronology of his life and hockey career in pictures was shown on the screen, and another video tribute was shown after players from both teams went onto the ice and lined up inside the blue-lines.

#### Canadiens 3, Canucks 1

Tomas Plekanec scored the winner late in the third period to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a 3-1 victory over the visiting Vancouver Canucks on Tuesday.

Then a long moment of silence was followed by an even longer ovation for Béliveau, who won 10 Stanley Cups and served 10 years as captain of the Canadiens in a 20-year career from 1950 to 1971.

He was part of the Cana-

diens administration for another seven cup victories.

The seat beside Béliveau's widow — three rows behind the Canadiens bench where he sat for nearly every home game — was left vacant, with his No. 4 on it.

The number four was also painted on the ice behind both nets.

A funeral mass is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at Mary Queen of the World cathedral near the Bell Centre. Several stars of past Canadiens teams will take part in the proceedings.

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#### Women's World Cup

#### Alleged reprisals by FIFA added to court case

Players opposing the use of artificial turf at next year's Women's World Cup won a partial victory Tuesday when the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario allowed them to amend their legal complaint to include allegations of reprisals against the women behind the claim.

But while noting such allegations of reprisals "strike at the integrity of the Tribunal's process for enforcing human rights in Ontario," vice-chair Jo-Anne Pickel rejected the players' request for a cease and desist order.

The players allege that Mexican international Teresa Noyola and French internationals Camille Abily and Elise Bussaglia had been threatened with reprisals. Noyola, according to an earlier players' filing, was told she would not be invited to play for the Mexican national team unless she withdrew her name from the legal challenge. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### NHL

#### Maple Leafs cool off Flames

Jonathan Bernier made 31 saves and James van Riemsdyk scored the winner early in the second period as Toronto defeated Calgary 4-1 Tuesday, sending the Flames to their first back-to-back regulation losses this season.

Peter Holland opened the scoring for Toronto which got empty-net goals from Phil Kessel and Mike Santorelli. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## Newton fractures back in car crash

NFL. Panthers quarterback's status for Sunday uncertain after being hospitalized

Panthers quarterback Cam Newton suffered fractures to his lower back in a two-car crash Tuesday and will spend the night in the hospital, a team spokesman said Tuesday.

Newton was in fair condition, had no other internal injuries and would not need surgery, team spokesman Charlie Dayton said during a news conference outside a Charlotte hospital. It was unclear if Newton would be able to practise or play Sunday against the Buccaneers, Dayton said.

"Right now we have thought about Cam's well-being and we understand there was someone else in the other car who was injured," Dayton said. "We just hope that



they're all OK."

SEAN GARDNER/GETTY IMAGES

He was expected to be released from the hospital on Wednesday after undergoing tests.

Television footage showed Newton on a stretcher being placed in an ambulance after the crash. Photos from The Charlotte Observer showed the 25-year-old smiling as an officer attended to him on the ground.

A black pickup truck that Charlotte-Mecklenburg police spokesman Robert Tufano said Newton was driving was overturned on the roadway with debris scattered all over the street. The roof was caved in and a tow truck later was hauling it away. Another car that appeared to be involved in the crash had front end damage.

Police were investigating how the crash happened on a bridge that crosses busy I-277 in the shadow of Bank of America Stadium, where the Panthers play. Dayton said he believes Newton was on his way to the stadium but wasn't certain.

The two-time Pro Bowler has 2,800 yards passing this season with 16 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. He also has rushed for 425 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Panthers to a 4-8-1 record.

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CHVIII.

## Raps succumb to James' Cavs

LeBron James drives past Raptors guard Lou Williams on Tuesday night at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland.

James scored 35 points, making the tiebreaking three-pointer with 48 seconds remaining, and the Cleveland Cavaliers rallied to beat the Toronto Raptors 105-101 for their eighth straight victory. James scored 10 points in the fourth quarter as Cleveland rallied from a 10-point deficit early in the period.

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Team Canada

### Rangers lend out Duclair for WJC

The New York Rangers are lending forward Anthony Duclair to the Canadian team for the upcoming world junior hockey championship

championship.
Duclair, who has seven points in 18 games for the Rangers this season, will be joining the team at selection camp on Dec.

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MLB

### White Sox trade for Samardzija

The Oakland Athletics traded all-star right-hander Jeff Samardzija to the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday.

Right-hander Michael Ynoa also was dealt to Chicago. Oakland obtained right-hander Chris Bassitt, catcher Josh Phegley and infielders Rangel Ravelo and Marcus Semien.

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NFL

### Manziel to start first game Sunday

Browns rookie quarterback Johnny Manziel will make his first NFL start on Sunday against Cincinnati, replacing the slumping Brian Hoyer as Cleveland tries to pump life into its sagging playoff hopes. Manziel is the Browns'

Manziel is the Browns' 21st starting quarterback since 1999.

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#### 015 Subaru Legacy

- Type. Four-door, AWD midsize sedan
- Engines. 2.5-litre flat four (175 hp), 3.6-litre flat six
- Transmission. Manual sixspeed, automatic CVT
- Price. \$25,090 base. \$26,390 as tested

#### Market position

Competitor to mainstream sedans, but with the Subaru differentiators of AWD and horizontally opposed engine designs (a.k.a. flat or boxer). Traditionally appealed to slightly cultish customers willing to pay a premium for AWD and non-flashy looks. Subaru is now trying to make Legacy appeal to a larger customer base.

#### Points

- · Legacy just named Best New Family Car Under \$30,000 by the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada.
- · Same footprint as previous model, with the same engines, but increased space and fuel economy, aided by new aerodynamic styling, electric power steering, and active front grille shutters.
- The only vehicle in its class with standard full-time AWD.



#### Safety features

- Optional EyeSight system includes adaptive cruise control, pre-collision braking and throttle control, and lane sway and departure warning. • AWD system can apply brake pressure to assist handling on corners.
- Optional steeringresponsive fog lights, and rear/side vehicle detection

## Less quirky, more appealing

**Review.** Subaru Legacy is now refined, roomy and quiet, trading its former niche status for a mainstream audience

#### MIKE GOFT7

Nobody in the automotive world works a niche better than Subaru. Stuff all-wheel drive and a boxer engine into any vehicle and presto! You've got yourself a Subaru, and a small but dedicated group of customers who gladly partake.

But living in a niche can wear on you. So Subaru did the only sensible thing when it came time to overhaul the Legacy sedan for 2015. It angled it more toward the sweet spot of the midsize sedan market, where huge crowds of buyers shop. The result is a great midsize sedan that looks and feels like more like the new Camry than the previous Legacy.

In fact, a Legacy 2.5i model was just named AJAC's Best New Family Car Under \$30,000, a category that included the new Toyota Camry and the new Chrysler 200. Those two were the match of Legacy



in pretty much every category, except safety. Some of Legacy's high safety score was achieved by the optional Eyesight package, which includes adaptive cruise control and pre-collision braking and throttle control.

Subaru was known for not sweating the interior decor and features as much as their powertrain and AWD systems, but the Legacy's new cabin matches anything in its class. The new interface with a 6.2inch touchscreen is not too complicated, and includes knobs and buttons for major functions. The (finally) up-todate audio system offers satellite radio, auxiliary input, steering-wheel controls, and Bluetooth for smartphones and streaming audio. Nice.

The cabin is also roomy front and back — and offers a level of quiet not previously associated with Subaru. Liquidfilled engine mounts, an acoustic windshield, lots of sound insulation, and a more aerodynamic body shape all contribute to the increased serenity.

That body shape is a bit generic to these eyes, and not one that will stand out in a parking lot. All part of that plan to blend in more, I guess.

The 175-hp engine and CVT

offer up no surprises, just civilized propulsion entirely in keeping with the expectations of this mainstream segment. In combination with the new electric steering, which is precise but feels somewhat disconnected from the road, you have a laid-back but sorted-out driving experience that should appeal to easygoing drivers and their families.

The Legacy is much closer to its rivals than ever before, which is good for Subaru and lots of buyers, but maybe just a tiny bit sad for those of us who don't want diversification and quirkiness to disappear.



Ford Fusion SE AWD Base price: \$31,399 Only other midsize AWD sedan not from a premium



Toyota Camry
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## Drivers, dreamers and speed demons

#### For the F1 Fanatic: Canadian Grand Prix weekend pass

Daniel Ricciardo started sixth on the grid in this year's edition of Montreal's most pulse-pounding weekend. The Australian took the first checkered flag of his F1 career after slipping past Sergio Pérez and Nico Rosberg in the closing laps.

For \$633, you can watch Ricciardo defend his title next June, with a weekend pass to the optimum sightlines afforded by Grandstand 1, or opt for the \$577 Pole Position Package for diafferent vantage points during the practice and qualifying sessions, before settling back into Grandstand 1 on race day.

For details, go to grandprixmontreal.com.





#### Gift guide. Lusting for a Lambo but budgeted for a bicycle? We can help

MIKE DOJC

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Car peeps are generally an easy group to shop for. In a pinch, plunk a few Armor All products into a basket, toss in a tool set, add a bow, and park that bad boy under the tree.

But here are some hints for those who want to go the extra mile and fine-tune their gifts to the various whims of the auto-obsessive.

Assuming you can't afford this bright orange, gull-winged Lamborghini Aventador — which would look good in anyone's driveway, but starts at \$485,000 — here are some more affordable suggestions for those on your list who think four wheels are way better than two.

#### For the Toy Tinkerer: LEGO DeLorean Time Machine

Revisit those halcyon days when you were young and naive enough to believe a futuristic-looking car that blazed to 88 mph could bend the fabric of the spacetime continuum. The automotive star of Back to the Future has been shrunken into a five-inch, 401-piece Lego kit (\$45), all decked out with foldable wheels, gull-wing doors that open and shut, and, of

course, a flux capacitor. It even comes with mini figures of Marty McFly and Doc.



Ferruccio Lamborghini's low-slung, high-powered dream machines have left motorists weak-kneed ever since the 350GT roared to life in the early 1960s. The alluring marque kept it coming with icon after icon. This coffee table book (\$75) chronicles the sinuous journey with more than 200 spectacular photos detailing every model the raging bull badge has produced.





#/£ Limited time lease offer from Honda Canada Finance Inc. (HCFI), 0n Approved Credit. The weekly lease offer applies to a new 2015 CR-V LX 2WD, model RM3H3FES, for a 60-month period, for a total of 260 payments of \$70, leased at 1.99% APR. 120,000 kilometre allowance (12 cents/km excess charge applies). Consumers may pre-purchase up to a maximum of 16,000 extra km/year at \$0.08/km at the time of entering into the lease agreement. Total lease obligation is \$18,200. Lease obligation includes freight and PDI of \$1,695 and applicable fees except PPSA lien registration fee of \$10.76 and lien registering agent's fee of \$5.25, which are both due at time of delivery. No down-payment required. Taxes, license, insurance, environmental fees and registration are extra. Dealer may lease for less. "\$500 Holiday bonus on select new and unregistered 2014 or 2015 Civic and CR-Vs. #E/C\* Offers valid from December 1, 2014 through Honda retailers. Offers valid only for Alberta residents at Honda Dealers of Alberta locations. Weekly leasing available on terms of 36 months or greater. Offer subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Offer valid on new in-stock 2015 vehicles. While quantities last. Visit HondaAlberta.ca or your Alberta Honda dealer for details.

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### From the practical or purposeful to the playful or preposterous



\*\*On 2014 CC models



#### For the Diecast Diehard: Chevy Silverado grille display

A photo of a clever wall-mounted Hot Wheels display case exploded across the blogosphere this fall.

A Wisconsin collector and avant-garde declutterer discovered that the grid spaces on the grill of a mid-'70s Chevy pickup were just the right size to park his favourite models.

Although you could go the DIY route and scour through the scrapyard searching for a grille in good shape, LMC Truck (lmctruck.com) can hook you up with a reproduction for \$130 plus shipping.

Some later-model grills will also do the trick. For more inspiration, check out facebook.com/GrilleArt to see the work of Arkansas artist Bobby Studnar, who has been at this for more than a decade.



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Bi-weekly equivalent lease payments of \$81 on the Jetta shown for example purposes only. Actual lease payments start at \$175 and must be made monthly, not bi-weekly. \$1,000 in credits available on 2015 Jetta gas models (excluding GLI model) to be applied to first two monthly lease payments. Limited time lease offer available through Volkswagen Finance, on approved credit, based on a new and unregistered 2015 Jetta 2.01. base model with 5-speed manual transmission and base MSRP of \$16,385. \$1,395 freight and PDI included. 48-month term at 1.9% APR. \$0 down payment, \$230 security deposit and first monthly payment in excess of payment credits (if applicable law at lease inception. Total lease obligation: \$8,400. 64,000-kilometre allowance; charge of \$0.157/km for excess kilometres. PPSA fee, license, insurance, registration, any dealer or other charges, options and applicable taxes are extra. "Limited time discount on cash purchase only of select new nutregistered 2014 models remaining in dealer inventory. Example: \$5,000 cash discount on the MSRP available on the 2014 CC 2.0T highline with 6-speed manual transmission. Discount varies by model. †2015 Volkswagen Jetta 4 DR FWD received a 5-star overall rating. Government star ratings are part of the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) New Car Assessment Program (safercar.gov). Crash performance was based on a U.S.-equipped vehicle. Some features on that model may be optional or not available in Canada. ††The 2015 Jetta was awarded a Top Safety Pick+ from the IIIHS (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety). To qualify for a Top Safety Pick+, a vehicle must earn good ratings in the moderate overlap front, side, roof strength and head restraint tests, as well as a good or acceptable rating in the small overlap front test and earn a basic, advanced for front-irash prevention. Himited time finance purchase offer available through Volkswagen Finance, and not propoved credit on select new and unregistered 2014 models remaining in dealer inventory, f

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## Top up all the fluids, not just the gas tank

**Driving Force.** From engine and transmission oils to anti-freeze to windshield washer, your car is filled with liquids

#### JIL MCINTOSH

Just as your body needs fluids to stay healthy, so does your car. Gasoline may seem to be the most important one, but there are some that are just as vital to the car's health, and others that can help with your safety.

"Make sure when you're getting your car prepped for winter that you've topped up your fluids," says Kevin McNamara, category business manager of automotive fluids for Canadian Tire. "Even when it's cold outside, your engine can overheat if fluids aren't moving through it."

Oil is vital to your car's health, since it lubricates the moving parts inside the engine and also helps dissipate



some of the excess heat it creates. Without oil, an engine could be irreparably damaged in less than a minute.

The oil should be changed and the oil filter replaced at

the intervals recommended by the auto manufacturer.

In between changes, it's a good idea to occasionally check the oil level, especially on an older car. Top it up if

necessary, but don't overfill it, since too much oil can also be harmful.

Synthetic oil is a good (if initially more expensive) choice, not just because it

lasts longer and needs to be changed less often, but also because its microscopic particles are more uniform and can do a better job of lubrication than conventional oil.

Engine coolant is commonly known as anti-freeze because its freezing point is well below that of plain water. It absorbs heat from the engine and then flows into the radiator, where it is cooled and sent back out to the engine in a continuous loop.

loop.
This fluid should be checked at least twice a year with a coolant tester to be sure it's still able to withstand cold temperatures. A technician can do this for you, but if you do it yourself, check it only from the coolant reservoir, never by opening the radiator cap.

You should always carry a spare jug of washer fluid and keep the reservoir filled, especially if you do a lot of highway driving, where it can be dangerous to pull over and fill it. You can go through it quickly when other vehicles splash salt up from the road,

#### **Fluid facts**

- If your locks freeze, use lock de-icer; never warm water. Always keep the de-icer bottle with you, not stored in the glovebox.
- A car's "curb weight" is the weight of the vehicle plus all of its fluids, including a full tank of fuel.
- Other fluids your car may contain include transmission oil, power steering fluid, differential oil, brake fluid, and battery electrolyte.

which quickly dries to an opaque crust. All washer fluid will clean away the grime, but look for all-season or winter-specific options.

"Use fluid with a temperature rating for your province," McNamara says. "If you use summer fluid, it could freeze in the reservoir and potentially damage it."



## Sporty hatch 'perfect size' for many

#### Second gear. 2009 to 2014 Toyota Matrix

#### JUSTIN PRITCHARD

Toyota's Canadian-built Matrix was built to answer the call of drivers looking for fuel efficiency, safety, adaptability and a generous space-to-price ratio, all wrapped up in a sportylooking, easy-to-drive package.

Feature content in the fivedoor hatch included steeringwheel audio controls, tilt steering, MP3 audio capability and a full suite of safety systems.

#### Common Issues

Some owners have reported faster-than-expected wear of consumable parts, like tires and brakes, so make sure they are in good condition.

Other owners have reported issues with premature wear of CV-joint boots, which keep nasty road stuff out of the joint. Ask a mechanic to check the boots.

Less-than-ideal durability from interior and exterior finishes is also noted. Interior plastics are said to scratch easily, so if the cabin looks more beat up than its age warrants, mention it during your price negotiations.

In 2009 models, some owners reported heavy oil consumption by the 2.4-litre engine, which is said to be caused by a block and/ or piston-ring defect. Some dealers have replaced piston rings and even engine blocks as a solution, under warranty. Although this issue wasn't rampant, anyone considering a 2009 Matrix with the larger engine should check with a mechanic first. Or opt for a 2010 or newer model, which doesn't seem to suffer from the problem.

On cars with the manual transmission, any occasional difficulty shifting into reverse is likely caused by the design of the transmission. Many owners simply accept it, and solve it by shifting to another gear and then trying reverse again.

Confirm proper operation of all window switches, as some owners say they become sticky and seize over time. Other nitpicky gripes include interior squeaks and rattles, and a reduction in air conditioner performance that can usually be fixed by cleaning out the condenser.



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#### What owners like



about the onboard space, sporty looks, good fuel mileage and overall blend of performance, efficiency and utility. The words "perfect size" come up fairly frequently in owner reviews.

#### What owners dislike



Common gripes include largerthan-expected blind spots,

fussy iPod integration, and not quite enough power for hilly terrain, especially with the automatic.

#### **Engines**



Look for a 1.8-L, 130-hp four-cylinder on most models, with a 2.4-L,

160-hp unit available on higher-end units. All-wheel drive was available, as were manual and automatic

#### The verdict

A close-to-stock Toyota Matrix, with a thumbsup from your mechanic, should offer above-average reliability, space and fuel economy for years to come.





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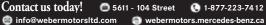
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#### Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

#### **M** Aries

#### March 21 - April 20

If you dream about moving up in the world there is a chance that it might happen this week At the very least you will lay the foundations for future success.

#### **Taurus** April 21 - May 21

The restrictions you have been labouring under in recent days will fade over the next 24 hours. Your attitude will be more positive too, giving you a greater sense of freedom.

#### ∐ Gemini

#### May 22 - June 21

Stick to the facts today, especially when dealing with money. If you are tempted to make a decision for sentimental reasons it could easily backfire.

#### **9** Cancer

#### June 22 - July 23

Today you will find it easier to be more outgoing and sociable and that's good because you have been a bit too self-obsessed of late. You're allowed to have fun — and look for love.

#### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You have many good ideas but how many will amount to anything? If you are not sure which ones have selling potential ask someone who is likely to know.

#### **W** Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

All things are possible for you now, Virgo, so set your sights high and don't stop until you have reached your goal. You will be amazed how easily things come to you.

#### 📤 Libra

#### Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Cosmic activity in one of the more sensitive areas of your chart could make you more emotional than usual but maybe that's no bad thing.

#### **M** Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

What you say today will have far-reaching effects for months to come, so think before you speak and strive to be positive.

#### **プ Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Turn your attention to financial matters. You may have spent a lot recently and with values planet Venus moving into the money area of your chart you must find ways to save.

#### り Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The entry of love planet Venus into your sign today means you can expect good news concerning a long-term relationship. Difficulties will ease over the next few days.

#### Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

For someone who is confident you seem thin-skinned right now. Could it be because you realize that criticisms being leveled at you are true? Why not just admit you were wrong?

#### **H** Pisces

#### Feb. 20 - March 20

Put your worries behind you and have fun with your friends. Some will say you're neglecting your responsibilities but you can ignore them. You need to

#### Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

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- clown 38. Demolishing one
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- 'Feather' 53. RCN rank
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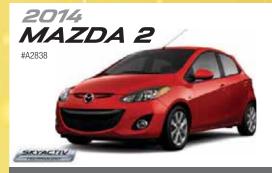
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